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UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT TO HEAR FLORES CASE

Less than One Percent of Legal Arguments are Heard by U.S. Supreme Court

PHOENIX (Friday, January 9, 2009) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne announced today that the United States Supreme Court will hear arguments in April, 2009 on the long standing Flores case dealing with English Language Learners.

Horne stated: "The U.S. Supreme Court agrees to hear arguments in less than one percent of cases for which it is requested. This is a serious indication that the court will consider our request that the district court be prevented from micro-managing the way in which Arizona funds its schools.

"One of my highest priorities has been to revive American History in our schools. We teach our students that we rebelled against Britain because we thought we were smart enough to rule ourselves through our elected officials and didn't need a British aristocracy ruling over us.

"I believe we are still smart enough to rule ourselves through our elected officials and we don't need an aristocracy of federal judges ruling over us.

"By granting certiorari, the U.S. Supreme Court recognizes that it understands this principle of self government."

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